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USE IN AN EXCIMER LASER**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

The invention relates to a method and apparatus for calcu-
lating a laser shot file for use in an excimer laser comprising
the steps of providing information with respect to a desired
ablation profile, calculating the shot density of the desired
ablation profile, using a cost function for placing laser shots
of the excimer laser on grid positions wherein a threshold
value is determined based on the calculated shot density of
the desired ablation profile.

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